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1. TOTAL PERSONNEL USLO NOW IN RESIDENCE AND OFFICE, ASSIGNED BEDS, AND WATCH ORGANIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC.

2. ALERT CONTINUES FOR TODAY AT LEAST. SO FAR NOTHING HAS HAPPENED, BUT SUSPECT WE WILL BE LIVING THIS WAY FOR QUITE AWHILE. EVEN AFTER AN ALL-CLEAR IS FINALLY ADMITTED IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE PEOPLE BACK TO HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS.

3. HOPEFULLY, INCONVENIENCE IN CAMP LIVING WILL BE OUR ONLY PROBLEM. WE WILL MAKE OUT, BUT IT COULD TAKE A MONTH OR MORE AT BEST.

4. ALL PUBLIC PLACES, FORBIDDEN CITY, ROAD TO GREAT WALL, ETC., AND LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE CLOSED.

5. VISITORS WILL BE UNABLE TO SEE ANYONE OR ANYTHING, WE WILL WAIT A WEEK TO HAVE A BETTER LOOK, BUT VISITORS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CANCEL OR
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